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Town Officers

SELECTMEN

WALTER A. CROWELL GEORGE C. GOFFE

FREELING T. PARKER

CLERK AND TREASURER

ISAAC N. CENTER

ROAD AGENTS

WALTER E. McQUESTEN WILLIE R. SHEPHERD

AUDITORS

ROY H. CAMPBELL WALTER E. McQUESTEN

TRUSTEES

JOHN A. WILSON FRANK F. CORNING

ISAAC N. CENTER

TAX COLLECTOR

IRA D. FORD

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To vote upon the several amendments to the Constitution as submitted by the special session of the Constitutional Convention held Jan. 28, 1921.

4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for permanent improvement and maintenance of highways in addition to what is required by law and take action in regard to State aid.

5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of State aid highways.

6. To see what amount of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Public Library.

7. To hear the reports of officers and committees regarding the Cutler Memorial Library, and take any action relating thereto.

8. To see what action the town will take in celebration of Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.

9. To see if the town will vote to spray the trees along the highway or take any action relating thereto.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
FREELING T. PARKER,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

A true copy of Warrant attest:

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
FREELING T. PARKER,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY APRIL 1, 1920

Lands and Buildings,	$256,110 00	
Horses, 75,	11,700.00	
Cows, 237,	18,930.00	
Neat Stock, 20,	1,310.00	
Sheep, 5,	60.00	
Hogs, 15,	225.00	
Fowls, 275,	550.00	
Wood saw mills,	500.00	
Wood and Lumber,	4,070.00	
Stock in Banks,	6,700.00	
Money on hand,	13,500.00	
Water power privilege,	15,000.00	
Mills and machinery,	7,600.00	
		$336,255.00

STATEMENT

Total taxable inventory,	$336,255.00
Rate per cent,	1.25
70 Polls @ 5.00,	350.00
2 Polls @ 3.00,	6.00
Amount committed to collector,	4,559.02

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax,	$1,598.00
County tax,	795.16
Town highways,	584.31

State aid construction,	582.00	
School maintenance,	1,322.89	
School building lot,	200.00	
Library,	70.00	
Memorial day,	7.00	
		$5,159.36

BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1921

Assets

Cash in treasury,	$5,468.66	
Uncollected taxes (1920),	225.09	
Liberty bonds,	2,000.00	
		$7,693.75

Liabilities

State aid money in town treasury,	$2,042.96	
Town maintenance, unexpended,	42.44	
State aid maintenance, unexpended,	166.99	
Dog licenses	35.40	
		$2,287.79
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		$5,405.96

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Taxes, 1919 and previous years,	$358.93
Taxes, 1920,	4,333.93
Interest on 1920 taxes,	3.33
From State Treasurer, taxes,	1,982.88

From State Treasurer, highway department,	8.76	
From State Treasurer, forestry commission,	43.46	
From County Treasurer, County poor,	50.00	
From interest on bonds and deposits,	204.99	
From dog licenses,	35.40	
From motor vehicle permits,	84.01	
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	3,798.14	
		$10,903 83

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Salaries and expenses of town officers,	$328.64	
Election expenses,	53 00	
Town hall,	48.15	
Town highways,	766.29	
Trunk line maintenance,	23.92	
School district,	1.577.01	
Library,	70.00	
State tax and soldiers bonus,	1,708.00	
County tax,	795.16	
County Poor,	50.00	
Memorial Day,	7.00	
Police,	8,00	
		$5,435.17

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries

First Selectman, Walter A. Crowell,	$50 00	
Second Selectman, George C. Goffe,	35.00	
Third Selectman, Freeling T. Parker,	25.00	
Clerk, Isaac N. Center,	20.00	
Treasurer, Isaac N. Center,	20.00	
Collector, 1919, John A. Reid,	5.00	
Collector, 1920, Ira D. Ford,	40.00	
Auditor, Roy H. Campbell,	1.00	
Auditor, Walter E. McQuesten,	1.00	
		$197.00

Expenses

Town Reports,	$64 00
Trustees bond,	24.00
Tax Collector's book,	1.85
Town Clerk's supplies,	3.31
Stationery and stamps,	2.00
Warrants and inventory envelopes,	.75
Ira D. Ford, tax bills and postage,	3.10
Safety deposit box,	2.50
Abatement, Herbert Watts, 1919, tax,	7.00
Abatement, Gaspar, 1919, tax,	3.00
Abatement, Morton Muncil, 1920, Poll tax,	5.00
Abatement, John Moriseau, 1920, Poll tax,	5.00
Abatement, Philemon Demers, 1920. Poll tax,	5.00

Abatement, Paul Hill, 1920, Poll tax,	2.00	
Abatement, J. A. and S. P. Bixby, 1920, tax,	3.13	
		$131.64

Election Expenses.

Paid Moderator, Walter E. McQuesten,	$9.00	
Paid Supervisor, Charles W. Leach,	10.00	
Paid Supervisor, Elbert O. Putnam,	8.00	
Paid Supervisor, Willie R. Shepherd,	10.00	
Paid Ballot Clerk, John A. Reid,	4.00	
Paid Ballot Clerk, George L. Danforth,	6.00	
Paid Ballot Clerk, James W. Hopwood,	4.00	
Paid Ballot Clerk, Frederick L. Center,	2.00	
		$53.00

Town Hall

Paid Robert R. Chase, insurance,	$40.00	
Paid Annie G. Bishop, cleaning,	6.00	
Paid Annie G. Bishop, kerosene and supplies,	2.15	
		$48.15

Town Highways

Paid Walter E. McQuesten, agent,	$417.67
Paid Willie R. Shepherd, agent,	321.37

Paid The Kimball Union, sign boards,	20.00	
Paid Cook Lumber Co., posts,	1.00	
Paid Cummings Bros., irons and screws,	1.25	
Paid Cummings Bros., pole for scraper,	5.00	
		$766.29

Trunk Line Maintenance

Paid Town of Hudson,		$23.92

School District

Paid School Treasurer,	$1,322.89	
Paid F. T. Parker for land,	200.00	
Paid Register of Deeds,	1.12	
Paid Dog licenses,	53.00	
		$1,577.01

Library

Paid Amos Saunders, Trustee,		$70.00

State Tax

Paid State Treasurer, tax,	$1,598.00	
Paid State Treasurer, soldiers bonus,	110.00	
		$1,708.00

County Tax

Paid County Treasurer, tax,		$795.16

County Poor

Paid Dr. George M. Davis, professional services,		$50.00

Memorial Day

Paid N. C. Griffin, flags,		$7.00

Police

Paid Charles B. Campbell, Constable,	$2.00	
Paid John A. Reid, Constable,	3.00	
Paid Roy H. Campbell, Sheriff's dinners,	1.50	
Paid John A. Reid, Sheriff's dinners,	1.50	
		$8.00

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT

States appropriation, 1920,	$349.20	
Town appropriation, 1920,	582.00	
		$931.20

Balance from 1919

State Treasury,	$876.59	
Town Treasury,	1,460.96	
		$2,337.55

Balance, January 31, 1921

State Treasury,	$1,225.79	
Town Treasury,	2,042.96	
		$3,268.75

STATEMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Balance from 1919,	$224.42	
Appropriated, 1920,	584.31	
		$808.73
Expended, 1920,		766.29
Balance available,		$42.44

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
FREELING T. PARKER,
Selectmen.

Approved,
WALTER E. McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, Jan. 31, 1920,	$3,798.14
Received from N. H. Forestry Commission,	43.46
Received from Town Clerk, motor vehicle permits,	84.01
Received from State Treasurer, insurance tax,	22.50
Received from State Treasurer, railroad tax,	1,020.77
Received from State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	939.61
Received from State Treasurer, highway department,	8.76
Received from Hillsborough County Treasurer,	50.00
Received from Town Clerk, Dog licenses,	35.40
Received from Manchester Safety Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	96.12
Received from Liberty bonds, interest,	85 00
Received from Manchester Savings Bank, interest,	23.87
Received from John A. Reid, taxes 1919,	352.82
Received from John A. Reid, interest,	4.06
Received from Ira D. Ford, taxes 1920,	4,335.48

Received from Ira D. Ford, interest,	1.78	
Received from Walter A. Crowell, taxes 1916 and 1917,	2.05	
		$10,903.83
Paid Selectmen's orders,		5,435.17
Balance on hand, Jan. 31, 1921,		$5,468.66

ISAAC N. CENTER,
Treasurer.

Approved,
WALTER E. McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Road Agents' Report

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, AGENT

To cash received from town		$417.67
Expended as follows:		
Snow-bills of 1919 and 1920.		
Paid W. E. McQuesten,	$57.68	
Paid F. T. Parker,	1.00	
Paid H. C. Leach,	23.80	
Paid C. H. Chase,	3.36	
Paid F. McQuesten,	14.58	
Paid W. Billodeau,	6.00	
Paid E. Billodeau,	1.55	
Paid A. Billodeau,	1.55	
Paid I. N. Center,	19.50	
Paid J. B. Butterfield,	1.86	
Paid George Stone,	4.55	
Paid Frank Corning,	4.29	
Paid Eugene G. Haight,	2.17	
Paid James Hopwood,	2.17	
Paid Zuel Martel,	2.79	
Paid A. J. Reid,	30.00	
Paid John Snide,	2.32	
Paid Munsil,	4.00	
Paid A. Jones,	2.95	
		$186.12
Paid for labor on highway as follows:		
Paid Eugene G. Haight,	$3.00	
Paid Walter A. Crowell,	10.00	

Paid Mrs. F. McQuesten, gravel,	1.00	
Paid F. McQuesten,	19.14	
Paid I. N. Center,	1.90	
Paid F. S. Bancroft,	2.04	
Paid C. W. Haight,	3.80	
Paid C. M. Haight.,	27.17	
Paid C. W. Leach, gravel,	1.00	
Paid Frank Corning, gravel,	3.50	
Paid H. S. Robinson, gravel,	4.70	
Paid M. G. Foley,	1.90	
Paid Jacob Schneider,	8.55	
Paid W. E. McQuesten,	143.10	
Paid Robert Barnes	.75	
		$231.55

Approved,

ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditor.

WILLIE R. SHEPHERD, AGENT

To cash received from town		$321.37
Snow bills, 1919 and 1920:		
Paid F. T. Parker,	$1.80	
Paid George Hill,	1.60	
Paid Edwin Hill,	1.60	
Paid E. O. Putnam,	15.75	
Paid C. J. Sampson,	3.50	
Paid Fred Dunlap,	3.50	
Paid G. L. Danforth,	5.25	
Paid George Goffe,	1.20	
Paid G. C. Danforth,	1.20	
Paid I. Latuche,	2.56	

Paid H. F. Lund,	1.20	
Paid C. B. Campbell,	.80	
Paid Moses Ford,	4.67	
Paid H. O. Annis,	29.75	
Paid George Bourdon,	72.90	
Paid W. R. Shepherd,	31.00	
Paid R. H. Campbell,	4.00	
		$181.28

Paid for labor on highways:

Paid W. R. Shepherd,	$14.13	
Paid George Bourdon,	33.23	
Paid F. T. Parker,	5.50	
Paid Ira Ford,	.50	
Paid Bennett,	1.33	
Paid Mary Marsh,	1.00	
Paid Amos Saunders,	25.46	
Paid H. C. Leach,	18.00	
Paid W. A. Crowell,	6.76	
Paid Fred McQuesten,	8.00	
Paid G. C. Goffe,	5.70	
Paid C. H. Chase,	2.66	
Paid F. L. Center,	1.10	
Paid for drain pipe,	16.72	
		$140.09

Approved,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Report of Town Trustees

January 31, 1921

Cash in Amoskeag Savings Bank:		
January 31, 1920,	$10,582.72	
Interest to July 1, 1920,	423.28	
Balance in bank		$11,006.00
Cash in Manchester Savings Bank:		
January 31, 1920,	$2,283.27	
Interest to July 1, 1920,	87.52	
Balance in bank		$2,370.79
Invested U. S. Victory Bonds,	$7,000.00	
Interest to Dec. 15, 1920,	332.50	
		$7,332.50
Total Bridge Fund,		$20,709.29

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Cash in Amoskeag Savings Bank:		
January 31, 1920,	$631.64	
Withdrawn October 7, 1920,		
Treasurer Town Library,	30.00	
Balance,		$601.64
Interest to July 1, 1920,		25.24
Total Library Fund,		$626.88

ISAAC N. CENTER,
FRANK F. CORNING,
JOHN A. WILSON,
Trustees.

Library Report

The Trustees of the Litchfield Town Library hereby submit their twenty-eight annual report.

At the regular annual Meeting of the Trustees Amos Saunders was re-elected President and Treasurer Mrs. Mary J. S. Campbell, Secretary, and Miss Florence C. Center, Librarian.

Voted to have the Librarian attend Summer Library School at Durham, August 16, 1921, under the direction of the State Library Commission and the State College Library.

The term of office of Amos Saunders and Mary J. S. Campbell expires the current year.

The Sub-Library at South part of the town has been well patronized the past year by the people living in that part of the town. Lizzie D. Shepherd has kindly cared for this branch.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS SAUNDERS,

For the Trustees.

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE

January 31, 1920—January 31, 1921

Babcock, Bernie, Soul of Ann Rutledge	F 2138
Bailey, Caroline Sherwin, Tell me another story	J 2147
Bailey, Temple, Trumpeter swan	F 2158
Blasco-Ibanez, Vicente, Mare nostrum (Our sea)	F 2145
Burgess, Thornton W., Burgess bird book for children	J 2148
Curwood, James Oliver, River's end	F 2134
Dunn, Joseph, and Lennox, P. J., Glories of Ireland	M 2154
Goldsmith, Milton, I wonder why	F 2144
Grey, Zane, Man of the forest	F 2137
Desert gold	F 2152
Heritage of the desert	F 2151
Kerr, Sophie, Golden block	F 2160
Knibbs, Henry H., Riding kid from Powder River	F 2146
Lincoln, Joseph C., Portygee	F 2136
Lutz, Grace L. H., Exit Betty	F 2140
Cloudy Jewel	F 2157
Search,	F 2133
Montgomery, L. M., Rainbow Valley	F 2132
Perkins, Lucy Fitch, Scotch twins	J 2149
Pier, Arthur Stanwood, Hilltop troop	J 2143
Portor, Eleanor, Mary Marie	F 2139
Reynolds, Mrs. Baillie, Also Ran	F 2161
Richmond, Grace S., Red Pepper's patients	F 2142
Red and Black	F 2135
Shute, Henry A., Real diary of a worst farmer	F 2141
Van Shaick, George, Peace of Roaring River	F 2162
Widdemer, Margaret, Wishing-ring man	F 2160

N. H. Secretary of State report, 1920	2150
N. H. Insurance report, 1919-1920	2135
N. H. reports, Oct. 1915—Mar. 1918. Vol. LXXVIII	2155

DONATIONS

Century	Ladies' Social Circle
Two volumes	Mrs. E. O. Putnam
Glories of Ireland	Friends of Irish Freedom

RESOURCES

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	2131
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	24
Number of bound volumes added by gift	3
Federal and State documents added	3
Total number of volumes owned at end of year	2161

SERVICE

Number of volumes loaned	801
Number of unbound magazines loaned	35
Total circulation for current year	836
Number of new borrowers added during year	15
Total number of active borrowers during year	59
Distributing agencies located at dwellings at a distance from library	2

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,

Librarian.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TOWN LIBRARY

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Town Library hereby submits his annual report:

Cash on hand January 31, 1920,	$45.50	
Received from Trustees of Kennard Library fund,	30.00	
Received from Town,	70.00	
		$145.50
Paid for Books,	$62.62	
Paid for Librarian salary,	26.00	
Paid for Librarian's Expenses at Durham,	15.30	
		$103.92
Cash on hand January 31, 1921,		$41.58

AMOS SAUNDERS,
Treasurer,

Report of the School Board

The school held a Community Day in the Town Hall, in the fall. The regular school work was carried on and hand work of the various grades exhibited.

The number of visitors was gratifying and it is hoped that other Community Days may be held with even larger attendance.

The need of a new building carefully planned to fit present needs and requirements, and centrally located, near the car line so that long waits out of doors may be avoided is very great.

We ask the helpful coöperation of all well wishers of the town and its children in order that this need may be met.

Teacher—M. E. McQuesten.

Number of weeks,	36
Average wage per month of teacher,	$67.50
Number of pupils registered,	31
Average membership,	23.58
Per cent of attendance,	87.74
Number of visits of Supt.,	15
Number of visits of parents, etc.,	87
Number of visits of School Board,	10

Roll of Perfect Attendance

One term, 5.
Two terms, 2.

Respectfully submitted,

REBECCA G. BLODGETT,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
BERTHA CAMPBELL,
School Board of Litchfield.

REPORT OF TREASURER
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LITCHFIELD

For the year ending August 31, 1920

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, August 31, 1920,	$781.00	
Received of Town Treasurer,	1,753.23	
Received of Town Treasurer, Dog Licenses,	53.00	
Received Interest from Bank,	9.00	
Received Car tickets sold,	75.00	
		$2,671.23

Expenditures

Paid Mary E. McQuesten, for teaching,	$608.75
Paid for car tickets,	282.25
Paid for janitor service,	32.50
Paid for fuel,	31.26
Paid for school books,	16.46
Paid for school supplies,	52.50
Paid for superintendent's supplies,	4.00
Paid for repairs on school building,	114.34
Paid for extra salary voted Mr. Record,	10.00
Paid for 41 pupils enrolled in district,	82 00
Paid for officers' salaries,	60.00
Paid for truant officer and numeration,	7.00
Paid for bookkeeping system for schools,	26.88

Paid for cleaning school room,	24.00	
Paid for tuition, Nashua High School,	79.00	
Paid for tuition, McGaw Normal Institute,	50.00	
Paid for insuring school houses,	20.00	
Paid for school nurse and supplies,	16.20	
		$1,517.14
Cash in Treasury August 31, 1920,		$1,154.09

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS SAUNDERS,

Treasurer.

Approved,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,

ROY H. CAMPBELL,

Auditors.

School Superintendent's Report

To the School Board of Litchfield.
Greeting.

Herewith I submit my second annual report as superintendent of schools to you and through you to the people of the district.

As it seemed advisable to the board, on account of the number of grades in the school, the comparatively large number of pupils in grade I and II, and the difficulty of teaching junior high school subjects, to make a difference in the time of the sessions of the first two grades and the rest of the school, this plan has been carried out with commendable success. The advantages resulting from this plan have been, a one session school day for grades I and II with more intensive work, and an elimination of the care of these grades for the greater part of the time that the other grades are at work.

Though not lavish in my expenditures for books and supplies, I have tried to provide the school with equipment in this line comparable with that furnished in the larger school systems of our cities.

I have caused to be given in the schools in all grades above the second, in the months of October and February, standardized tests as follows: the Adams test in reading, scoring for both speed and comprehension; the Ayers test in handwriting, marking both speed and legibility; the Ayers test in spelling; and the Harvard-Newton test in composition. The markings have been carefully recorded and will be preserved for comparison with the results of the

same or similar tests given in May of this year. These tests have been carefully prepared by educators of known ability. The explicit directions for giving and scoring have largely eliminated the personal equation in marking. The standardizing of these tests makes them a basis for comparison with other school systems. They will reveal the standing of the various classes in your school as compared with similar classes throughout the country, and will offer a basis for individual promotion. These tests have also proved valuable in revealing weak points where emphasis in drill or greater care in presentation is needed.

The report of your school nurse shows as follows: number of pupils examined, 29, cases of defective vision, 3, defective teeth, 11, hypertrophied tonsils, 7, unvaccinated, 14. Number of cases treated since the last examination, defective vision, 2, defective teeth, 7, hypertrophied tonsils, 1. As bad as it is, this is a credible showing compared with the report of last year. It should be remembered, however, that disregarding vaccination there are still among the 29 children 21 cases of remedable defects which should receive attention.

The housing conditions for your school children should receive the immediate attention of the district. A tax of $3.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, the smallest appropriation allowed by law, has given you ample funds for maintaining your schools and for all other school expenses, and you still have a sizable balance which may be appropriated for housing purposes.

Your present building does not conform to the minimum requirements of the state board of education in the matter of size, lighting, heating, and in other minor respects. To state facts baldly, had you been a poor district instead of

easily self-supporting, you would have been required by the state to attend to these matters before.

Building conditions during the past few years have furnished a good reason for refusing to build or remodel but do not at the present time offer any such excuse.

Now that you have a site provided for, I would suggest that you select at the time of your district meeting a building committee to act in conjunction with your school board and that they be given sufficient authority to provide such housing for your school children as you are willing to provide.

Expressing my appreciation of the coöperation of the board and the loyalty of the teacher, this report is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS DE WITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools, Union No. 27.

February 8, 1921.

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